Colorado Heritage Planning Grants Awards In 2000/2001

PROJECT NAME/PARTNERS	AWARD AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
The Routt County Ranch Preservation Project (City of Steamboat Springs and Routt County)	\$14,000	The project will develop and demonstrate a model program that works with interested and willing owners of historic ranch properties in Routt County to preserve and restore historic ranches. This project will involve identifying, inventorying, and surveying 35 ranch properties, providing technical assistance to property owners, and facilitating and assisting property owners to preserve and restore historic ranch structures.
Fort Collins-Timnath-Windsor Separator Project (City of Fort Collins, Town of Timnath, Town of Windsor and Larimer County)	\$20,000	The municipalities of Fort Collins, Windsor and Timnath and Larimer County have identified a potential separator area that would provide a clear boundary between the municipalities. The communities will take the next step by implementing a plan to preserve community separators by identifying appropriate boundaries, understanding the barriers and opportunities for creating a separator, identifying effective implementation strategies, developing consensus among the affected interests, and producing grant application(s) for open space.
Montrose Regional Gateway Corridors Plan (City of Montrose, Montrose County with National Park Service and Colorado Department of Transportation)	\$85,000	The City of Montrose will develop an integrated plan for the city's gateways along U.S. Hwy 50 and Colo. Hwys 347, 90 and 550. The plan would include design standards for retail development, traffic & access management, land use patterns, open space, trails, natural resources, and viewsheds. The city would create a handbook for use by other gateway communities, with guidelines for corridor planning and a community's interface with national parks and other public lands.
Silver Heritage Area Plan. (Clear Creek County, Town of Georgetown, Town of Silver Plume with U.S. Forest Service, Colorado Historical Society and Colorado Division of Wildlife)		Clear Creek County, and the towns of Georgetown and Silver Plume have joined together with other agencies to develop an internal feeder transportation plan that will include strategic site planning, design and installation of interpretive signage and completion of master plan subregional elements along the I-70 Mountain corridor between Georgetown and the Eisenhower Tunnel. The plan will complement the master plans of Georgetown, Silver Plume, Clear Creek County and supplement CDOT's PEIS that is underway for the I-70 Mountain Corridor.

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Lariat Loop Management and Heritage Interpretation (City and County of Denver, Jefferson County and Great Outdoors Colorado, Lariat Loop Heritage Area Alliance, Colorado State Historical Society)	\$50,000	The City and County of Denver, Jefferson County and the Lariat Loop Heritage Area Alliance will develop a mountain park management and recreation strategy for the historic Olmstead-designed foothills and mountain park system, and a Lariat Loop interpretive plan for meaningful, authentic experiences for tourists and local visitors.
Rural Planning Institute (Archuleta County, Town of Bayfield, Town of Creede, Town of Pagosa Springs, Town of Rico, Town of Ridgway and San Juan County)	\$100,000	The applicants will develop an organization that will provide specialized, growth oriented planning services and analysis to rural communities on the Western Slope of Colorado. The participating governments have specifically requested the Rural Planning Institute's help with time sensitive projects including impending development projects, annexations, and comprehensive planning efforts now underway.
Fruita/Mesa County TDR Program (City of Fruita and Mesa County)	\$30,000	The applicants will implement a Transfer of Development Rights program by which farms in Mesa County may transfer development rights into the City of Fruita, thereby saving valuable farmland, allowing the landowner a fair return on his/her land and placing a conservation easement on the land.
Southeast Teller County Planning Initiative (Teller County, City of Victor and City of Cripple Creek)	\$15,000	The applicants will complete a joint regional planning effort to address the concerns of the communities egarding the increased mining operations, the retention of historic resources and open spaces, and to enhance the economy of the area.
Rooney Valley Master Plan: Alameda/C-470 Area (City of Lakewood, Town of Morrison and Jefferson County)	\$50,000	The applicants will develop an Alameda/C-470 master plan to balance development needs with the need to preserve the cultural heritage of the area including Jefferson County Open Space, Green Mountain, the Historic Rooney Ranch and Dinosaur Ridge. The master plan will also provide a vision to help balance development and open space.
General Iron Works Light Rail Station Area Site Design (City of Englewood and Regional Transportation District)	\$50,000	City of Englewood would do site planning and historic preservation design for the General Iron Works Light Rail Station location. The design would incorporate historic Englewood rail and foundry structures with civic, cultural, pedestrian, bicycle, affordable housing and transit amenities for public land adjacent to the General Iron Works Station. This project would provide a development alternative to sprawl and a model for other metro communities.
Regional Revenue Sharing Opportunities in the Rural Resort Region (Eagle, Garfield, Lake, Pitkin and Summit Counties)	\$50,000	The applicants will investigate potential mechanisms for regional sharing of locally collected revenues. Methodologies developed can be used anywhere in Colorado. Communities will discuss options for implementing the methods.
East Clear Creek County Fire Protection Plan (Clear Creek County, Evergreen Fire Protection District and Colorado Office of Emergency Management)	\$14,000	The applicants will develop a fire protection and action plan to address a safer living and recreational environment. In addition, a fire evacuation plan would be prepared to educate the public and residents.

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Telluride Region Commercial Use Study (Town of Telluride, Town of Mountain Village and San Miguel County)	\$20,000	The project is to assess commercial and accommodations uses in the region and determine the best methods for maintaining a balanced, healthy economic climate that serves the needs of residents and visitors while preserving community character. The process will analyze the effect of current land use regulations on the region's short and long-term economy, identify commercial uses desirable for a vital and sustainable economy, and recommend incentives to create and retain essential community services.
Tri-Lakes Area Cooperative Plan (El Paso County, Town of Palmer Lake, Town of Monument, Triview Metropolitan District and Lewis Palmer 38 School District)	\$50,000	The participating jurisdictions will develop a joint plan that focuses on economic decisions, future patterns of land use, and community infrastructure growth factors and their relationship to the 2000 Tri-Lakes Area Plan. The project will update or add to existing master plans, develop formats for intergovernmental agreements, develop procedures for dispute resolution, update regulations and codes, and develop a workbook for future updates.
State Highway 56 Agricultural Protection Corridor (Weld County and Town of Berthoud)	\$40,000	Through the purchase of two conservation easements on important agricultural properties, a crucial step towards protecting a critical corridor will be taken. The successful completion of this project will be a catalyst to preserving agricultural lands. With the use of an innovative financing mechanism, other communities facing similar growth pressures will be able to use the methods developed in this project to conserve vital open spaces and agricultural lands.
Open Space Dedication Survey (Town of Parker, Arapahoe County, Teller County, and Town of Windsor)	\$5,000	A statewide survey of local governments will identify and assess standards for open space dedication requirements and the process behind the calculation of these standards. In addition, the study will target the integration of open space standards into planning frameworks, use of credit/non-credit standards, the role of impact fees and cash-in-lieu, the takings issues and the "rational nexus" test.
Model Land Use Code (Town of Frederick, Weld County	\$57,485	The applicant will create model subdivision, zoning and annexation regulations that would serve as a prototype for small Colorado Communities. The model would be user-friendly, which a town could tailor the code to fit their citizens' vision, have the ability to implement the code, and adjust the companion workbook to define the submittal process, application requirements, and review criteria. An educational video will be made available to DOLA to be distributed along with the model code on CD or use with the department's web site.
TOTAL	\$700,485	